

***Remarks***

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-7, 9-13, 15, and 16 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 10 being the independent claims. Claim 14 is sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 1, 10, 15, and 16 have been amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

***Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103***

**Fishbine, Casey and Bjorn**

Claims 1-7 and 9-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fishbine, *et al*, U.S. Patent No. 5,467,403 (Fishbine), in view of Casey, U.S. Patent No. 6,011,486 (Casey), and Bjorn, *et al*, U.S. Patent No. 6,125,192 (Bjorn). Applicants note that the page 2 of the Office Action includes claim 9 in the summary of the rejection. However, the Examiner did not include a specific rejection of claim 9 in the discussion of the rejection. Furthermore, the Examiner rejected claim 9 separately. (Office Action, p. 4). Applicants, therefore, assume that the rejection was intended to cover claims 1-7 and 10-16. If this assumption is incorrect, Applicants request that the Examiner issue a corrected non-final Action clarifying the rejection and resetting the date for response. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The combination of Fishbine, Casey, and Bjorn does not teach or suggest every feature recited in amended claims 1 and 10. Fishbine describes a fingerprint scanning device. In Fishbine, data appears to be transmitted from a portable image collection unit 10 to the base station unit 8 via data transmission interface 9. (Fishbine, Col. 3, lines 18-24; *See also* Fig. 1). Fishbine also shows a charger/cradle 34 in FIG. 1, and states "unit 10 sits in charger/cradle 34 when not in use. When unit 10 is removed from charger/cradle 34, it powers up and can be used to acquire images." (Col. 4, lines 23-26). However, nowhere does Fishbine state that data is transferred through charger/cradle 34.

Thus, although Fishbine depicts a charger/cradle 34 in Fig. 1, he does not teach or suggest " a data and power communication interface that couples data between the fingerprint scanner and that is configured to be coupled to a docking station, wherein data is communicated from said fingerprint scanner to a host processor via said data and power communication interface through said docking station and power is provided to charge said interface charged rechargeable power supply through said docking station when said data and power communication interface is coupled to said docking station, " as recited in claim 1 (as amended).

In addition, Fishbine does not teach or suggest "docking the mobile fingerprint scanner with a docking station to couple a data and power communication interface in the mobile fingerprint scanner to the docking station; charging a rechargeable power supply in the mobile fingerprint scanner with power carried over the data and communication interface when docked with the docking station; and transmitting data from the mobile fingerprint scanner to a host processor over the data and communication interface when docked with the docking station," as recited in claim 10 (as amended).

Casey and Bjorn do not overcome all of the deficiencies of Fishbine relative to independent claims 1 and 10, discussed above. Casey describes an electronic paging device 12 that is physically tethered to a host computer 16. (Casey, Col. 3, lines 13-52, *See also*, FIG. 1). Bjorn describes a sensor 150 physically tethered to a computer system 110 via cable 170. (Bjorn, Col. 3, line 64 - Col. 4, line 37). Neither Casey nor Bjorn teach or suggest a "mobile, hand-held fingerprint scanner" having "a data and power interface that is configured to be coupled to a docking station," as recited in claim 1 (as amended) or a "method for communicating data from a mobile fingerprint scanner" including "docking the mobile fingerprint scanner with a docking station to couple a data and power communication interface in the mobile fingerprint scanner to the docking station," as recited in claim 10 (as amended).

For at least these reasons, claim 1 (as amended) is patentable over the combination of Fishbine, Casey, and Bjorn. Furthermore, for at least these reasons, and further in view of its own respective features, claim 10 (as amended) is patentable over the combination of Fishbine, Casey, and Bjorn. Claims 2-7, which depend from independent claim 1, and claims 11-13, 15, and 16, which depend from independent claim 10, are likewise patentable over the cited references for at least the reasons provided above, and further in view of their own features. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-7 and 10-16 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Fishbine, Casey and Geiger

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fishbine and Casey as applied to claims 1 and 2 and further in view of Geiger, U.S.

Patent 6,154,010 (Geiger). Claim 9 depends from claim 1. Geiger does not overcome all of the deficiencies of Fishbine and Casey relative to claims 1 and 2, described above. For at least these reasons, and further in view of its own features, claim 9 is patentable over the combination of Fishbine, Casey, in view of Geiger. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the ground of rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

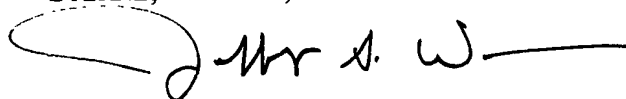
### ***Conclusion***

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

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